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Drainage scheme for Vijayavada City.

* 256 Q.—SRI T. POTHA RAJU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal of providing underground drainage scheme for Vijayavada City;

(*b*) whether the Vijayavada Municipal Council has recently passed any resolution requesting the Government to give administrative sanction to the scheme as proposed by the Chief Engineer and as adopted by the Council and for provision of a loan and grant to execute the scheme;

(*c*) whether the Government have accorded the necessary sanction and provided grants for the same; and

(*d*) when the scheme is expected to be commenced and finished?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*c*) The scheme is under consideration.

" (*d*) The scheme will be commenced after sanction is accorded by the Government. The execution will be spread over a period of about eight years."

SRI T. POTHA RAJU :—" Sir, in which year were the estimates and plans completed? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Detailed plans and estimates for the whole area have not yet been prepared, Sir."

SRI K. RAJAGOPALA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether there is any proposal to postpone this scheme in view of the formation of the Andhra State? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir."

SRI M. VEERABHADRAM :—" How long will it take to accord sanction to this scheme, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The question is being examined by the Local Administration and Finance Departments. It will be accorded approval as soon as this examination is over."

SRI V. V. RAMASAMI :—" What is the priority in the Ten-Year Plan for this Vijayavada Municipality? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Notice, Sir."

SRI T. POTHA RAJU :—" Sir, my question has not been answered. I am not asking about the whole plan itself, but only a part of the plan. I asked in which year the estimates were completed. That is my straight question."

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The town is proposed to be divided into four blocks. Plans for blocks I and II are ready."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Sir, in view of the formation of the Andhra State and the importance of Vijayavada, will the Government take steps immediately and see that the drainage scheme is sanctioned now? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have already said that the question is being examined by the Local Administration and Finance Departments."

Representation from the Arthala Tea Estate Thozhilali Union.

* 257 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether Government received any memorandum from the Secretary, Arthala Tea Estate Thozhilali Union on 6th February 1953, regarding the discharging of two maistries and 86 workers under them violating section 33 of the Industrial Disputes Act: and if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" A copy of memorandum, dated 6th February 1953, was received from the Secretary, Arthala Tea Estate Thozhilali Union, Kerala Estate P.O., Malabar, but no action was taken thereon as it was addressed to the Manager, Arthala Tea Estates, Limited, Kerala Estate P.O. and not to the Government."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, if section 33 of the Industrial Disputes Act is violated by any management, the said Act says that legal action can be taken against the management. In this case, when the management has violated section 33 of the Act, what action have the Government taken? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government take action when their attention is drawn to a dispute that has taken place saying that the management has done something, and that the workers are thereby affected harmfully. We received no such memorandum. The letter was addressed to the management, and a copy thereof was sent to the Government. The Government will not take action under section 33 of the Act on a copy of letter addressed to the management."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" The obvious idea of sending a copy of the Government is to draw their attention to the fact that a particular offence has been committed and request them to take action against the management. That being so, may I know they have not taken any action? " 3-10 p.m.

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" My hon. Friend is a lawyer and he knows the difference between drawing one's attention and requesting one to take action. It is